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CIVIC DIVISION TO BE IN ST. PATRICK'S PARADE

NEW FEATURE FOR THE ANNUAL CELEBRATION.

PLANS ARE ANNOUNCED

There will be a "civic division" in the St. Patrick's day parade, Sunday, March 17, which is a new idea heretofore not attempted in St. Patrick's day celebrations in Indianapolis. The grand marshal, George Rice, made this announcement at a meeting of the Ancient Order of Hibernians committee in the law building.

The parade will be headed by the Irish Legion band from Ft. Harrison, and several hundred regulars from the city who have volunteered to turn out in the parade in response to the invitation extended to Colonel Root.

The eight divisions of the local Hibernians will be massed as one big division in the parade instead of marching as individual divisions as in other years.

Each division will carry a service flag, showing the number of members who are in active service in the army and navy.

The civic division will be made up of all the invited societies other than the Irish Legion band, and all friends who wear green on the day are invited to march in the civic division.

The parade will start at 2 o'clock and will be over the usual route. There will be five bands in the parade according to present arrangements and a number of emblematic floats.

The speakers at the afternoon mass meeting at Tomlinson hall will be J. Madison Walsh, the Rev. M. O'Connor, of St. John's church, who will speak of "The Mission of St. Patrick," and Will H. Hays. There will be a concert of patriotic American and Irish music at Tomlinson hall. A choir of 200 girls of the Juvenile Auxiliary, of St. John's church, will sing the national anthem and Irish patriotic numbers.

Reformatory Guard Bitten.
[Special to The Indianapolis News.]
JEFFERSONVILLE, Ind., March 4.—Charles Levensgood was arrested on a city car last night and is charged with assault and battery for biting Robert Hines, a guard at the Indiana reformatory. Levensgood, it is charged, refused to pay his fare, acted ugly and broke the car windows. Hines caught hold of him to control him, whereupon Levensgood attacked with his teeth, and inflicted an ugly wound on the cheek.

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First—Uncle Sam demands it, so as to conserve the wheat supply.
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Remember, corn is not merely useful for breakfast dishes. In its more substantial forms, it is also an ideal dinner food.

Hudnuts Grits is just as logical a dinner dish as "corn on the cob" or "steamed corn" or any other vegetable. It has been the recognized food staple of the South for fifty years.

Recipe for Boiled Hudnuts Grits:—Place one cup of GRITS and three and one-half cups water in a sauce pan or preferably a double boiler and boil forty to forty-five minutes. Stir once with a spoonful of salt, then serve hot with meat and gravy or butter, or with cream and sugar.

Recipe leaflet in every carton or sack. A complete corn recipe booklet gladly sent on request.

American Hominy Co. Indianapolis

AYRES GOES TO CAPITAL TO WORK FOR RED CROSS

GUEST OF HONOR AT FAREWELL LUNCHEON SATURDAY.

A TOKEN OF APPRECIATION

Frederic M. Ayres, president of L. S. Ayres & Co., who has gone to Washington, D. C., to devote his time to the work of the American Red Cross during the war, was the guest of honor at a farewell luncheon tendered to him Saturday at the Columbia Club by members of the Indianapolis Merchants' Association.

The luncheon was given as a surprise to Mr. Ayres and was attended by every member of the association except three, who wired their regrets at not being able to be present. Mr. Ayres has been associated with the local merchants' organization for more than fifteen years.

Robert Lieber, president of the association, presided as toastmaster, and the room in which the luncheon was held was decorated with the American flag and a large red cross. Mr. Lieber spoke highly of the work done in Indianapolis by Mr. Ayres in behalf of the Red Cross and declared that his training here had aptly fitted him for the larger work which he will take up in Washington.

Henry Karn spoke of Mr. Ayres' connection with the association as a member of the board of directors and presented him with a token of appreciation from the members in the form of an engraved parchment containing the names of the firms, and the presidents, signed personally, of the members of the association.

Those present at the luncheon were William H. Block, E. J. Gausepohl, Henry Kahn, Aaron Wolfson, D. L. Chambers, Paul H. Krauss, Sr., J. W. McCree, Robert Lieber, Frank D. Stalaker, J. W. Lilly, Arthur S. Brown, Charles Mayes, J. H. Messenger, Donald Morrison, George A. Gay, Edward Green, C. A. Egan, B. Schless, E. J. Melcher, A. L. Block, Carl A. Taylor, George Connet, Carl P. Walk, G. A. Eryomson, Sam Bradshaw and W. E. Balch. W. C. Bobbs, Joseph Wineman and Edward A. Kahn were the members of the association who were out of the city.

A Loose-Leaf Booklet

Business associates and employees of L. S. Ayres & Co. presented Mr. Ayres with a loose-leaf booklet, containing the names of more than 1,000 persons with the following message of appreciation and loyalty to him: "When you leave us to take up your new work at Washington, we your associates and employees, wish you to know how proud we are that you can thus sacrifice your personal interests for those of the nation and humanity. We wish you also to carry with you this pledge of our renewed loyalty to the business of L. S. Ayres & Co. The business will miss you, we will miss you, but so far as is possible every ideal of the store shall be preserved against your return; this we promise."

HIGHER COURTS' RECORD.

SUPREME COURT MINUTES.
23230. John C. Huffman et al. vs. Harriet C. Newell et al. Delaware S. C. Appellate's petition for writ of habeas corpus.

APPELLATE COURT MINUTES.
10128. Lena Marshall et al. vs. National City Bank, Marion S. C. Appellate's petition for writ of habeas corpus.

10129. Bert McBride vs. Richard M. Coleman, Marion S. C. Appellate's petition for writ of habeas corpus.

10130. The Tipton Realty and Abstract Company vs. Kokomo Stone Company, Marion S. C. Appellate's petition for writ of habeas corpus.

10131. James R. Plank et al. vs. Minnie R. Hinkle et al. Carroll S. C. Appellate's petition for writ of habeas corpus.

10132. The Pittsburgh Cannel Coal, Chicago vs. St. Louis Railway Company vs. Hughes Insurance Company, Cass S. C. Appellate's supplemental briefs.

Says Germans Are Patriotic.
J. A. Schneider, of Jacksonville, Fla., told of the patriotism of the Germans in that city. When America entered the war, he said, members of the German Club, which is affiliated with the Red Cross while he has sold \$11,000 in Liberty bonds and obtained a citizenship card, he said, he has seen six new members to the Red Cross. He declared that the alliance took any part in the war that it made any political contributions.

Paul Meerschmidt, of San Antonio, Tex., vice president of the Texas state alliance, denied any unpatriotic motives on the part of his organization, but said Germans in Texas were advised to support their ground for political purposes in local elections. This was regarded necessary, he said, for the maintenance of their interests.

It was brought out in Mr. Meerschmidt's examination that about three or four weeks before the United States entered the war he received a telegram from Dr. Hexamer urging him to call meetings of the alliance in San Antonio and other Texas cities to take action in the declaration of war. Hexamer also urged, he said, that telegrams be sent to representatives and senators asking them before a declaration of war was made the question be submitted to a referendum. No action was taken on either of the suggestions, he said.

Preceding the election of 1916, Mr. Meerschmidt said he received a message from Dr. Hexamer asking him to urge German voters to support Charles E. Hughes for President.

NEWSPAPER RETRACTS.

Takes Back What It Said About Terre Haute's City Judge.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., March 4.—The afternoon paper which last Saturday published a sensational article about the Terre Haute city judge, for dismission of gambling charges against William Shea and nine other politicians gamblers on charges of entering a gambling house, was forced yesterday to retract. The paper, which had charged Shaffer with going back to a Georgia claim "in order to save the gamblers from punishment," confessed it had been misinformed, and "hoped that this statement will be read by every one who read the original criticism of his report. The attempt of court proceedings have not been stayed, however, and the bar committee has advised the city judge last week to either retract or to stand by his report, which was not the case."

The police failed to prove that Eddie Curran's saloon was a "gambling establishment," and therefore the charges were dismissed against the men.

C. E. FRITSCHKE IN ADDRESS

Speaks at Y. M. C. A. Meeting for Boys on Their Part in War.

"What Boys Can Do to Help Win the War" was the subject of a talk yesterday afternoon by C. E. Fritschke at the Young Men's Christian Association meeting for boys.

During his talk, Mr. Fritschke called on the boys of certain ages to stand and tell what they were doing to help win the war and the responses received indicated that almost every lad in the audience was doing something to help win the war.

W. E. Rizin told the sinking and E. C. Davis made an entertaining talk which he illustrated with colored caricatures of well-known people.

Will Sing National Anthem

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33 Wyatt Building.

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CAMPAIGN TO TREBLE NUMBER TO BE STARTED.

FOURTH TRAINING CAMP

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Of course this statement does not apply to men of exceptional ability who can perform special duties in the war department. They are being given commissions. As a result, conscientious officers are in favor of granting no more commissions to civilians. They recommend that men who seek commissions and who present papers intended to prove that they are capable of doing certain work be tentatively accepted and sent to a training camp for three months, where they will be watched by experts and where they can prove their ability. Such action as this, it is argued, would rid the staff of a lot of worthless material which is retarding work in some of the divisions, especially the ordnance office and the signal corps.

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